

Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of corrugated siding and roofing of steel hangars at the State Fair Grounds and calls for an expenditure of \$1332.00.

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which The American Surety Company of New York appears as surety.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that the board of control waived the provisions requiring advertising for bids and that informal bids were taken and contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney-General.

625.

ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, PREMISES SITUATED IN COUNTY OF
ATHENS, STATE OF OHIO, AND CITY OF ATHENS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 7, 1923.

The President and Trustees of the Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN:—You have submitted an Abstract certified to by Emmett Keenan, July 17, 1923, and requested my opinion as to the status of the title of the following described premises as disclosed by said Abstract:

“Situating in the County of Athens, in the State of Ohio, and in the City of Athens and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the south-east corner of Out Lot No. 203 in E. H. and D. H. Moore's Addition to Athens and running thence West, on the North line of Union Street two hundred and thirty-five feet; thence Northward to a point on the North line of Out Lot No. 205 of said Addition, 235 feet Westward from the West line of Out Lot No. 201 in said Addition; thence eastward on the North line of said Lot No. 205, two hundred and thirty-five feet to the West line of Lot No. 201; thence South on said West line of Lot 201 to the place of beginning.”

After an examination, it is the opinion of this department that said Abstract discloses a sufficient title to said premises in the name of Sarah J. Parker, free from encumbrances, excepting the taxes for the year 1923, and certain assessments for the improvement of Union Street, the amounts of which have not been determined, or are not disclosed.

An examination has also been made of the deed submitted, executed by the said Sarah J. Parker and George B. Parker, her husband, on July 18, 1923, which is believed to be sufficient to convey the interest of the said Sarah J. Parker to the Ohio University, when delivered.

Under the terms of said deed the University assumes the payment of the taxes for the year 1923 and the assessments for street improvement.

From the consideration named in the deed, it would appear that this is a gratuitous conveyance, and it is therefore assumed that no certificate of the Finance Director is necessary.

Said abstract and deed are being returned herewith.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney-General.

626.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF HAMILTON, BUTLER COUNTY, \$140,258.75, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO MAKE CERTAIN STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 7, 1923.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

627.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE SHAW-KENDALL ENGINEERING COMPANY, TOLEDO, OHIO. PIPING AND FITTINGS FOR THE OHIO STATE REFORMATORY AT MANSFIELD, OHIO. AT A COST OF \$3,424.00. SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 8, 1923.

HON. JOHN E. HARPER, *Director of Public Welfare, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Welfare and the Shaw-Kendall Engineering Company, Toledo, Ohio. This contract covers the piping and fittings for the Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of \$3,424.00.